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## BREAKING THE CYCLE

REBECCA MACY,  
NU/HANOVER (PAGE 18)



# SitetoSee

MUST-SEE WEB PICK OF THE QUARTER

Theta believes in the power of social media to connect members! Special-interest Facebook groups allow us to virtually meet and spend time with one another.



## Reading Women

Reading Women is an online book club for Thetas. Members—both collegians and alumnae—from around the world share thoughts, ideas, and generally engage with one another in a new and unique way. Members can post observations or respond to others' comments in book discussions right on the Facebook group page.



## Military Thetas

This is a Facebook group to foster friendship and connections among Kappa Alpha Theta members associated with the military. Many members use the group page to post where they'll be stationed and to meet other Thetas who are stationed in the same location.



## Kappa Alpha Theta Global Alumnae

This is a place for Thetas living abroad to continue to enjoy friendships and connections with other Thetas abroad. For instance, a member visiting London made connections with a London Theta group, while another member inquired about obtaining her master's degree in public health and got numerous responses with advice and encouragement.



## Theta Alumnae Chapter Presidents

This Facebook group enables Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter presidents to share best practices and ideas as well as ask and answer questions regarding the successful operations of Theta alumnae chapters. Members post event photos, share ideas, and encourage one another across the US and Canada.

Want to know more? Contact Lauren Lewis, assistant director of alumnae engagement, [llewis@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:llewis@kappaalphatheta.org).

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# “MAY YOU LIVE IN INTERESTING TIMES”

PURPORTED TO BE A BLESSING, THE ABOVE SENTENCE IS MOST FREQUENTLY USED IRONICALLY AND THUS BECOMES A CURSE. PURPORTED TO BE OF ANCIENT CHINESE ORIGIN, ITS FIRST RECORDED USE WAS ACTUALLY BY AN ENGLISHMAN IN THE 1930S.

We could probably have some lively discussions about whether it's better to live during periods of uncertainty and disquiet because they're more interesting times or better to live during periods of contentment and tranquility because they're more life-enhancing times. But I don't think any of us would argue against the idea that—for better or worse—we live in interesting times.

Since the first issue of the Theta magazine was published in 1885, each edition has reflected the times in which it was produced, and the magazine you're reading now is no exception. It's also worth noting that 132 years later we face some of the same challenges faced by our sisters in 1885.

In 1885, Thetas still sought equality with their male peers, just as our founders had 15 years earlier. On many campuses with Theta chapters, there were no women's sports teams, and women were barred from leadership positions such as the editorship of the student newspaper. In the wider United States, there were no female police officers or judges or civil engineers, and married women could not be teachers. Ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the US Constitution, prohibiting denial of the right to vote based on sex, was 35 years in the future.

Today, gender-based inequality remains an infuriatingly current issue. The past 16 months have seen multiple men in powerful political and entertainment positions faced with credible charges of sexual assault and harassment. Such gender-based violence, a highly personal example of inequality, is the focus of this issue's profile article, which begins on page 18. Distinguished North Carolina University professor Rebecca Macy, Nu/Hanover, conducts community-based research on gender-based violence, including domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sex trafficking. Although she points out that gender-based violence has been with us throughout human existence, Macy sees hope in the efficacy of prevention intervention, the strength derived from women supporting women, and an evolving cultural zeitgeist.

There is, sadly, no evidence of an evolving culture at Harvard, which doesn't recognize the Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Zeta Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta or the Zeta Phi Chapter of Delta Gamma or the Iota Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi. University administrators—including the first woman to be president of the institution—made the stunning decision to prevent members of single-gender finals clubs and Greek organizations from holding student-group leadership positions, varsity athletic team captaincies, and certain prestigious fellowships, effective with the class of 2021. Believing that these sanctions undermine the choices available to female students on campus and that female students are intelligent, independent adults with the ability to make their own decisions, the three NPC chapters made the courageous decision to defy the sanctions and open spring recruitment to freshmen women (the class of 2021). You can read more on page 32.

Depending on your outlook, social media, like the sentence “May you live in interesting times” could be a blessing or a curse. For Theta, it's one of many communications channels that allows us to share news with our members and friends, as well as help our members connect with one another. If you're not a social media aficionado, reading on page 23 about Theta's 2017 social media highlights might encourage you to dip your toes into those highly addictive waters. (Spoiler alert: Harvard's sanctions against future sorority women aroused intense online interest and conversations.)

Also depending on your outlook, the new year can be a time of resolutions and re-evaluation. If you're considering a life-change, empowerment coach Asia Simonelli shares some advice on page 22. If those resolutions involve philanthropic efforts, pages 10, 16, and 17 offer inspiration. Finally, if you're thinking that the new year might involve reconnecting with some Theta sisters, consider doing so at Grand Convention in Orlando. You can find details on page 12.

While we may feel ambivalent about interesting times, we are not at all ambivalent about interesting magazines. We hope you find this one so, and that you will be intrigued to learn of changes to come in the Spring 2018 issue (see page 7).

ON THE COVER: **Rebecca Macy, Nu/Hanover**

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNA EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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### Notices:

Because Kappa Alpha Theta is not an officially recognized student group at Harvard, Santa Clara, and Georgetown Universities, these schools prohibit using “Harvard,” “Santa Clara,” or “Georgetown” in any published reference to our Zeta Xi, Eta Lambda, and Theta Iota Chapters.

"I'm ecstatic with how the new facility turned out, and tremendous thanks go to the FHC team for all of their great work. The new building is beautiful, functional, and a fantastic home for our members! Our alumnae are also thrilled with the results."

- Mary Sipprell Pool, Alpha Xi/Oregon, facility management advisor

# Welcome Home

The FHC is so excited to welcome Alpha Xi Chapter members to their new home at the University of Oregon! After nearly two years of planning and construction, collegians moved into the facility in mid-September. The exterior of the house makes a big statement: Ivory Lace exterior paint contrasts with Caviar trim, while black window frames and shutters add a dramatic touch. The kite detail in the concrete columns and the large kite front doors certainly proclaim "Theta."

As they walk through the kite doors, Thetas and guests will feel welcomed by beautiful gray wood-look tile laid in a herringbone pattern. A subtle kite wainscoting continues throughout the main floor as well as up the main staircase, and the Caviar trim color was carried inside for a bold, yet classic, look. Natural light spills through the many main-floor windows. The dining room ceiling treatment, decorative wallpaper in the buffet area, and sliding barn doors for the chapter room and coat closet add a little sparkle to these rooms.

FHC volunteer interior designers **Karen Albrecht Ledbetter, GT/Tulsa**, and **Kim Linin, AH/Kansas State**, sought to create a space consistent with the "Oregon look" that would also invoke "wow" comments. FHC project manager **Leslie Vinton** ensured the project stayed on track and was completed in time for members to move in before recruitment started. Facility Management Advisor **Mary Sipprell Pool, Elizabeth Chambers, Silva Chambers, Natalie Pellitier, Mia Ashley**, all **Alpha Xi/Oregon**, and Advisory Board Chairman **Jessica Redman, BE/Oregon State**, collected and prioritized ideas from the chapter membership.

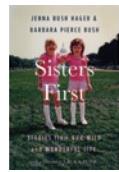
Special thanks to the alumnae and collegians who served on the building committee and the Theta staff, volunteers, chapter advisors, and local alumnae who helped make this project an outstanding success!



**THETAS IN THE NEWS**

*Business Insider's* list of 19 powerful people who are members of fraternities and sororities included **Tory Burch**, BH/**Pennsylvania**, cofounder, designer, and CEO of Tory Burch, LLC. The eponymous company includes more than 200 signature stores worldwide and ecommerce sites in seven languages. Tory Burch ready-to-wear, shoes, handbags, accessories, watches, home decor, and a fragrance and beauty collection, are also carried at over 3,000 department and specialty stores worldwide.

An article in *365 Things To Do in Houston* showcased Theta Design Weekend, formerly the Theta Charity Antiques Show, and run by more than 20 committee chairman and 200 volunteers from the **Houston Alumnae Chapter**. Since its inception 65 years ago, the event has raised more than \$7 million to support philanthropic efforts, including Theta Foundation.



In a *Time.com* article, **Jenna Bush Hager**, AO/**Texas**, and **Barbara Pierce Bush**, ET/**Yale**, discussed their recently published memoir, *Sisters First*. In the interview, Jenna said, "I think it's really important to get to know everyone's nuances and to have friends or siblings, like I have in my sister, see every side of me, the good and the bad and the part that nobody else sees, and lift that up."



Another article in *Business Insider* highlighted **Melinda French Gates**, BP/**Duke**, and her philanthropic work on behalf of women's issues. In 2014, Gates joined her husband for a speech during Stanford's commencement. She gave advice to students and families about hands-on charity: "Let your heart break. It will change what you do with your optimism."

*Photo credit: Justin Sullivan/Getty Images*

Announced in October, the Laurie McGregor Connor Award of Leadership honors the achievements and service of **Laurie McGregor Connor**, Γ<sup>A</sup>/**Ohio Wesleyan**. The award will be given annually to a Gamma deuteron senior who demonstrates character, integrity, grace, compassion, and inclusiveness.



Connor is a longtime Theta volunteer. After serving as an educational leadership consultant after graduation, she served in many roles, including advisory board chairman, alumnae chapter officer, alumnae district officer, Theta Foundation trustee, and director of government relations, her current position.

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS**

Congratulations to the following alumnae and college chapters, which are celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2018.

**100 YEARS**

Washington DC/Suburban Maryland Alumnae Chapter

**75 YEARS**

Gamma Eta/Massachusetts

**25 YEARS**

Zeta Xi/

Zeta Omicron/Wake Forest

**FOR GOOD**

On October 19, Theta's annual Day of Service brought us together in service to honor Bettie Locke Hamilton's birthday.

Dozens of alumnae groups, college chapters, and Theta sisters submitted photos of their endeavors that day, and an impartial panel of judges chose the submission from **Shannon McInerney**, HY/**San Francisco**. In the wake of the devastating wildfires in California wine country, she collected supplies, clothing, and food for first responders and people who had lost their homes. Shannon's father, uncle, and boyfriend helped her distribute the provisions.

*For more Day of Service photos, turn to page 16.*

**WRITE TO US!**

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of **The Magazine**? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or email may be sent to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.)

**WHAT'S NEW?**

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in the **Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine** area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

**REUNIONS**

Learn about upcoming reunions at [kappaalphatheta.org/whatsnew/events/reunions.cfm](http://kappaalphatheta.org/whatsnew/events/reunions.cfm).

**PLANNING A REUNION?**

Place a reunion notice in **The Magazine**. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, **The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine**, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and email [webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org).

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.



COMING SOON!

PansyPatch.org | March 2018  
Grand Convention 2018 | June 28—July 1

# **What? My Theta Magazine will be even better than before? Yes, it will!**

Brighter colors, larger photos, and articles on topics that matter to you are only some of the surprises to come in the next issues.



What else could we have in store? Wait and see!

# KITES FLYING

## UNC CHARLOTTE SACRED HEART

OUR THETA FAMILY IS GROWING! IN NOVEMBER, WE WELCOMED NEW CHAPTERS AT UNC CHARLOTTE AND SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY.

BY DARIA BISHARAH, ZN/UC DAVIS; MACY BONNIWELL, ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH; CAMBRIA LAGANA, ZΦ/PEPPERDINE; AND ABBIE STASIOR, EA/DICKINSON



### ΘO/UNC CHARLOTTE

"I am so proud to say I am a Kappa Alpha Theta woman, but I am even more proud to say I am a Theta woman from the charter class of Theta Omicron," said Sarah Hicks, chief executive officer. "Breathtaking things will come from this chapter, and I can't wait for everyone to witness them."

On November 11, the Theta Omicron Chapter was installed at the University of North Carolina Charlotte, and 104 women, including three legacies, were initiated. Haley Gettinger was chosen to accept the charter from Fraternity President Laura Ware Doerre, Delta Xi/North Carolina. Haley was adopted on November 11, so this date is her "Gotcha Day," and the new chapter members were thrilled to simultaneously celebrate Haley and their installation.

In a touching speech at the installation celebration, Michelle Guobadia, director of fraternity and sorority life at UNC Charlotte, spoke of the tremendous support for Theta on campus and of how pleased university administrators have been to welcome such a strong organization to their community.



# HIGH



Sacred Heart  
UNIVERSITY

## ΘΠ/SACRED HEART

On November 18, the Theta Pi Chapter was installed at Sacred Heart, located in Fairfield, Connecticut. Ninety-six women were initiated, including one by her sister-in-law, also a Theta, and one by her sister, also a Theta.

At the installation celebration, Director of Greek Life Laura Osborne Arena, Gamma Zeta/Connecticut, spoke about the value of the sorority experience and of the Panhellenic community at Sacred Heart. Theta joins seven National Panhellenic Conference member groups on the campus Panhellenic Council.

“It is an incredible honor to be making history at Sacred Heart,” said Allison Muccioli, chief external affairs officer. “Initiation was the most amazing experience I have ever had and something truly special that I share with all of my new Theta sisters.”

## THE PEACE CORPS

On October 14, 1960, President John F. Kennedy spoke on the steps of the University of Michigan Union about the Peace Corps, his plan for a way to provide community service on a global scale. It very quickly became a popular program among college students and recent graduates.

Thetas, of course, were in this mix of individuals. The first Theta that we know of to serve as a Peace Corps volunteer was Janet Everett, Alpha Mu/Missouri. She wrote of her experiences as a teacher in the Philippines in the Winter 1962-1963 issue of the Theta magazine. "Sometimes I am utterly awed at the new awareness which has come to me since I joined the Peace Corps. This is very much in keeping with the purposes of the organization. I'm constantly grateful to have participated in the founding of such an agency."

The second known Theta was Susan Hoyt, Beta Omega/Colorado College. Her article about her experiences appeared in the Spring 1963 magazine. She, too, served as a teacher, but in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In Summer 1963, two other Thetas, Evelyn Vough, Mu/Allegheny, and Ann Morgan, Delta/Illinois, were identified. By the end of 1969, more than 20 Thetas had served around the world.

And Thetas have continued to serve. A current Theta Foundation trustee, Aimee Billow Forsythe, Nu/Hanover, served in Mali, West Africa, in the 1990s.

Want more? [heritage.kappaalphatheta.org/](http://heritage.kappaalphatheta.org/)



(Left) Carolyn Combs, BP/Duke, and Colombian teachers in a typical classroom. (Right) Carolyn Combs, BP/Duke, in Colombia in 1966.

## THETA AND THE PEACE CORPS

BY NORALEEN DUVALL YOUNG, AX/PURDUE

**W**e recently received an email from Carolyn Combs Gallaher, BP/Duke. She served in the Peace Corps during its early years and asked about other Thetas who might have also served. We were so interested in Carolyn's story that we asked her to share it. And we're pleased to also share what we learned about additional Theta Peace Corps volunteers.

The Peace Corps. The disciplined energy of the name and the chance to serve drew US adults (young and old), from all classes and walks of life. Most of us were motivated by idealism and a sense that we could build a better world than that handed us by the older generation. We had the education, the skills, and mentality. (We felt we were beyond petty prejudice.) After all, it was the Sixties!

A Duke degree, Theta's dedication to service, and a strong curiosity to know the world landed me my first job teaching at the American High School in El Salvador. I became convinced that education was the means to provide impoverished people with the skills that would lead them to a better life.

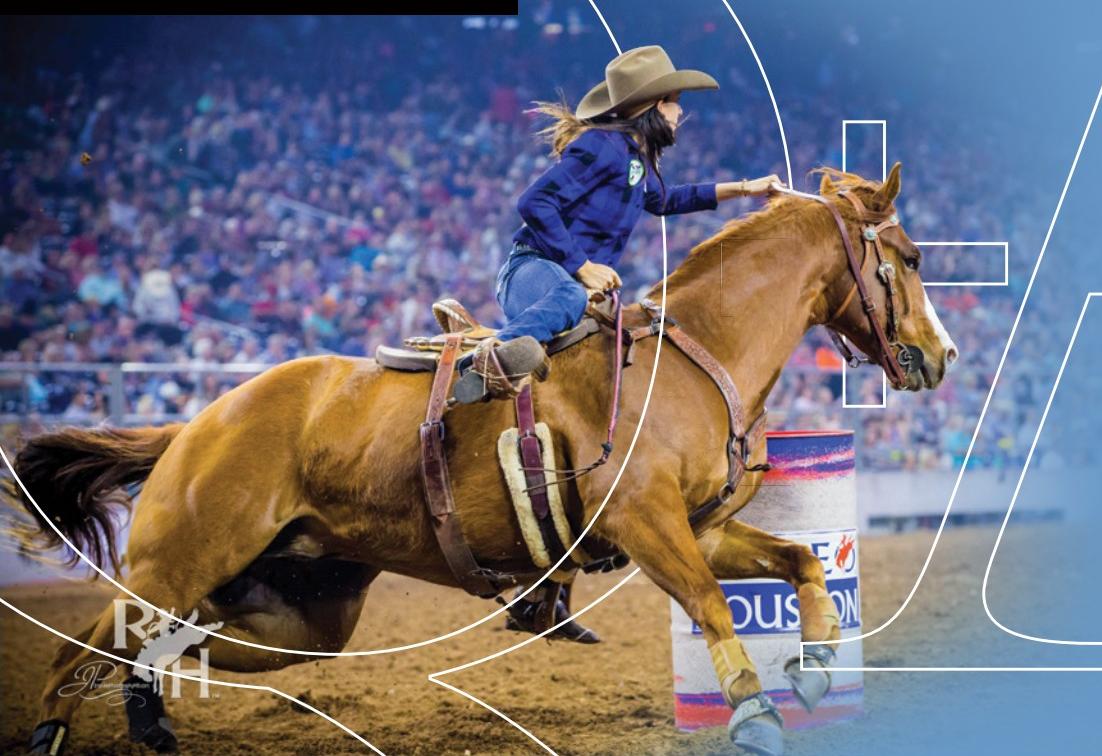
I returned to the US to enter Teachers College, Columbia, to study mass education techniques. In my research, I discovered a Peace Corps project using television in the public schools, and 1965 found me in Barranquilla, Colombia, working with elementary school teachers in the implementation of television courses into the curriculum. Producers filmed master classes in music, language, mathematics, and social and natural sciences. Master Colombian educators introduced new teaching techniques and course guides that included motivation and follow-up activities. Filmmakers went into the countryside to document historical areas, national treasures, and distinct geographical areas. (Children living on the coast for the first time, perhaps, saw what villages in the mountains of the Andes or farms in the Llanos looked like.)

Utilization workers, such as myself, composed the majority of our group. We worked with school principals to design a room for the television and integrate the television courses into their curriculum and also gave workshops for teachers showing how follow-up activities could use the most common and cheapest of materials. We traveled to ETV schools to trouble-shoot problems and supervise and observe the use of the instructional courses. Another component of the group was the "technicos" who helped install and service the televisions which were donated by the Agency for International Development and Phillips Corp.

Wanting to ensure ETV would continue after the Peace Corps left, I began teaching teachers about the use of television in the classroom. Due to this involvement (plus my master's degree in international education from Columbia) I was invited by the National Department of Education to co-write the curriculum and instructional manual for use in teachers' schools. This is an example of the opportunities provided by the Peace Corps to work at highest levels not available to most 26-year-olds in the US.

Challenge, opportunity, experience in working with mass technology that I felt was going to raise the level of everyday people so they could find satisfying jobs that would provide a better life for them and their families (and prevent a bloody revolution) was not all that the Peace Corps experience provided. There was adventure, travel, romance ... but that is a tale to be told in another context. Although I never met another Theta while in the Peace Corps, I hope they were also "out there" serving with the thoughtfulness and caring that our pansy symbolizes.

*Archivists note:* Researching Thetas in the Peace Corps has revealed that we don't know about all the Thetas who have served. So, I am asking for your help. Send me an email—[nyoung@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:nyoung@kappaalphatheta.org)—with the name, dates, and where they served.



## Tillar Murray A THETA OF NOTE

TILLAR MURRAY IS NOT ONLY MAJORING IN BUSINESS HONORS, FINANCE, AND PLAN II LIBERAL ARTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AND SERVING IN THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AT THE ALPHA THETA CHAPTER, SHE ALSO CURRENTLY RANKS TWELFTH IN THE WORLD IN RODEO BARREL-RACING.

### PLEASE TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT RODEO THAT WE PROBABLY DON'T KNOW.

Rodeo requires significant traveling and complicated schedules to be at the top of the standings. I traveled to 24 states and two provinces in Canada this summer alone. As with most other women in the top 50 in the professional standings, I competed in around 90 rodeos this year.

### WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE DOING IN FIVE YEARS?

Although rodeo fortunately gives me many opportunities to see many different states and parts of the world, Texas will always hold a special place in my heart. In my dream world, I would love to remain in Texas and eventually start my own business. I hope to one day own a biotech investment business in which I will be able to give back and help others around the world.

### WHAT TALENT DO YOU WISH YOU HAD?

I wish I was a good dancer and had natural rhythm.

### WHAT DOES THE PHRASE LEADING WOMEN MEAN TO YOU?

*Leading women* means giving life your very best effort and encouraging others to do the same in whatever situation you face. I think people often limit themselves because they think they do not have enough opportunities or abilities to accomplish whatever it is they want to complete. However, I think people would be amazed what all they could achieve if they worked hard enough and believed in their abilities.

### WHAT ONE THING REALLY MAKES YOUR DAY?

When I am able to ride my horses without being pressured for time and get to enjoy being outdoors.

### “LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS....”

I attended online high school for four years.

### WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

Loyalty.

### WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST THETA MEMORY?

My favorite Theta memory is running to the house on bid day. I knew very few girls who pledged Theta and had no idea who would become my friends. It is fun to look back and see what a difference that day would make in the next few years of my life.



Tyler Murray,  
AO/Texas

*“Leading women means giving life your very best effort.”*

# KAPPA ALPHA THETA

GRAND CONVENTION 2018

**W**hether you're attending Grand Convention for the first time or the twenty-first time, one thing is certain, Theta's Grand Convention is like nothing else! In June 2018, hundreds of Thetas will come together to celebrate this special, supportive, and powerful sisterhood.

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## WHEN AND WHERE?

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**June 28 to July 1, 2018**

The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida



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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND CONVENTION?

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### College Chapter Delegate

Each chapter chief executive officer must attend as the voting chapter delegate.



### Alumnae Chapter Delegate

Each alumnae chapter is encouraged to send one voting delegate to Grand Convention.



### Non-Delegates

All college and alumnae members are encouraged to attend!

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## WHAT HAPPENS AT CONVENTION?

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- ◆ Connecting with Theta sisters from around the world.
- ◆ Legislation that determines the direction of our Fraternity for the next biennium.
- ◆ Inspiring, exciting, and educational programming on upcoming Theta initiatives, our Plan of Aspirations, our sesquicentennial, and much more.
- ◆ Opportunities to show your sisters how much you appreciate them by participating in Pansy Patch!

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## WHEN AND HOW CAN I REGISTER?

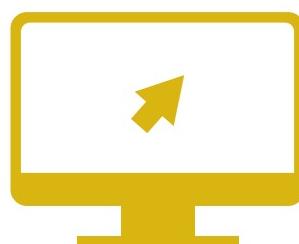
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### Registration will be available on the following schedule:

Delegates: You will receive an email invitation to register no later than March 1. Registration will end on March 31.

Non-delegates: You will register online April 1-May 15, space permitting.

*Early bird rate ends on April 30! Visit [KappaAlphaTheta.org](http://KappaAlphaTheta.org) for more registration information.*





## 2017 NPC ANNUAL MEETING

# STRONGER AND MORE POWERFUL TOGETHER

BY LORETTA GOOD, SIGMA KAPPA, NPC DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION & MARKETING

Mary Jane Parker Beach, BN/Florida State, FHC president; Kelley Galbreath Hurst, BI/Colorado, 3rd alternate NPC delegate; Michelle Mouton Geiger, ΔK/LSU, 1st alternate NPC delegate; Laura Ware Doerre, ΔΞ/North Carolina, Fraternity president; Cate Lock Bibb, ΓΦ/Texas Tech, 2nd alternate NPC delegate; Betsy Sierk Corridan, BO/Iowa, executive director; Liz Becker, ZN/UC Davis, NPC staff; Cindy Heine Stellhorn, B/Indiana, executive vice president, MJ Insurance Sorority Division.

### THETA AND NPC

Kappa Alpha Theta, along with Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma, Delta Delta Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Chi Omega, was a founding member group of NPC in 1902.

NPC is one of the oldest and largest women's membership organizations in the US and Canada.

Theta is the only organization to have held the chairmanship of NPC three times. Lissa Luton Bradford, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, served from 1997 to 1999; L. Pearle Green, Phi/Stanford\*, served in 1909 and from 1949 to 1951. Green is the only woman to have served as chairman twice.

\*Phi Chapter was founded in 1889 at University of the Pacific. In 1892, the charter was transferred to Stanford University. Phi remained at Stanford until 1944, when women's fraternities were abolished on that campus. In 1959, Phi was re-established at University of the Pacific.

### Values. Empowerment. Strength. Leadership.

All assembled at the 2017 National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) annual meeting, held in Denver in October, were able to spend time reflecting on these key themes together.

The annual meeting kicked off Thursday evening with a dinner, followed by the opening business meeting led by Chairman Donna King. Highlights included NPC Executive Director Dani Weatherford unveiling NPC's refreshed brand, beginning with a video showcasing the new brand elements and website.

"We intentionally wanted to pay homage to the past by incorporating the well-known NPC green and our historic laurel leaves while also boosting the energy," said Weatherford. "The many associated patterns are lively and provide opportunities to present the bold, impactful, and purpose-driven work of NPC."

King gave a state of the conference address, covering NPC's three strategic priorities: growth and sustainability, communication and marketing, and Panhellenic excellence.

"Coming together at the annual meeting affords us an opportunity to refresh, renew, and re-energize for the year ahead," said King. "The accomplishments and milestones we celebrate this evening and build upon going forward are only achievable through working together, collectively and collaboratively."

Attendees began their Friday with committee and group meetings, as well as new area advisor and Panhellenics training. Afternoon sessions included Panhellenics training and regional meetings, as well as a joint meeting of the board of directors, inter/national presidents and executive directors and separate meetings of communicators and the Foundation. Similar sessions were held on Saturday morning.

Friday's business meeting included a memorial service for 11 women who served NPC and passed away during the 2015-17 biennium. This included a video about former Fraternity president Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, who served on Kappa Alpha Theta's NPC delegation for 13 years and passed away in July while serving on the NPC Board of Directors. Current Fraternity President Laura Ware Doerre, Delta Xi/North Carolina, introduced the video with a poignant personal tribute.

During the Foundations of Higher Education dinner, everyone received the NPC Foundation biennial report.

Dr. Kristin Walker, Alpha Sigma Tau, was presented with the Women in Higher Education Achievement Award.

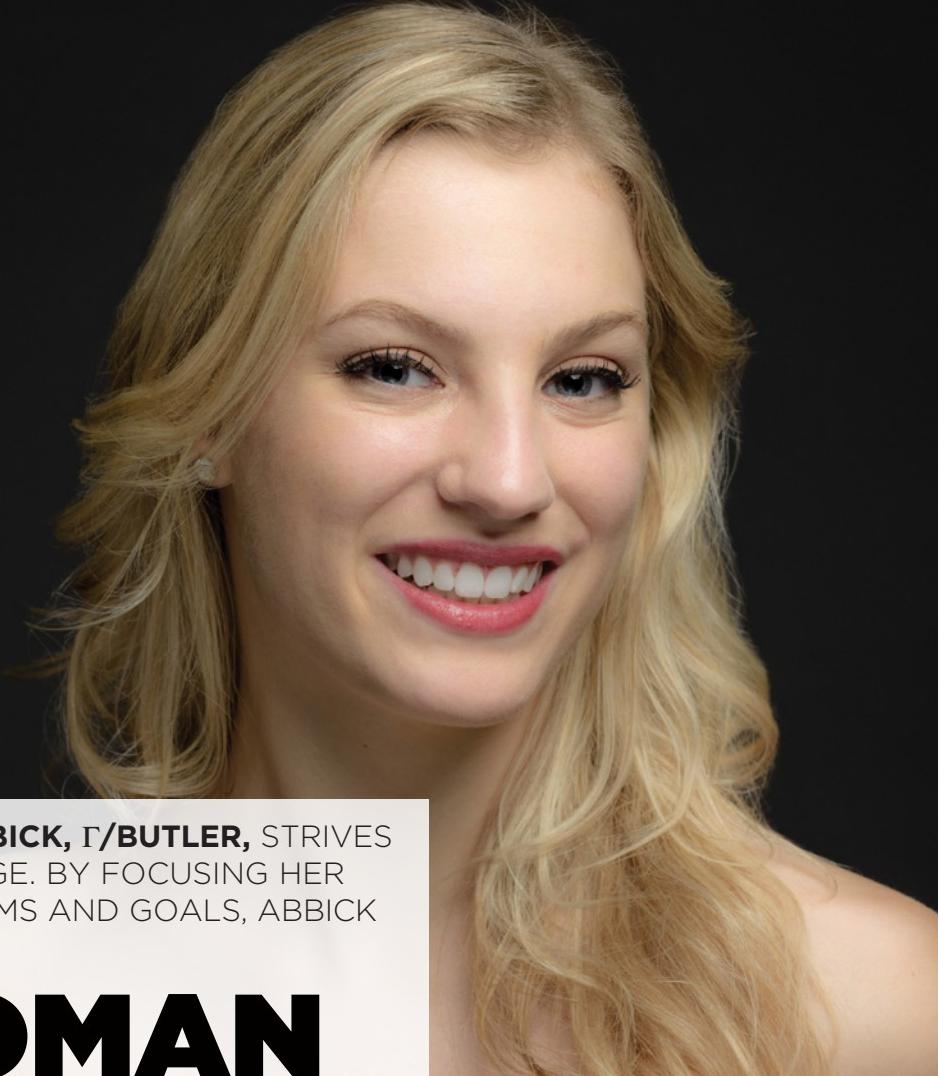
Saturday began with the traditional Town Hall meeting. Colleen Falkenstern, research coordinator at the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, kicked off the Town Hall with a presentation on high school graduate trends. Suzanne Kilgannon, Alpha Sigma Alpha and chairman of NPC Measurable Outcomes Committee, and Dr. Darcy Russell, Zeta Tau Alpha and member of the NPC Release Figure Methodology Leadership Team, provided insight on the implications for NPC and answered questions from the crowd. Rob Buelow, vice president of EverFi, an education technology company, asked attendees to discuss the implications of several topics affecting the fraternity/sorority community.

At the Celebrating Panhellenic Excellence luncheon, 20 campuses were recognized as College Panhellenic Excellence Award winners. The Atlanta Alumnae Panhellenic Association received the Harriet Macht Outstanding Alumnae Panhellenic Award. The Outstanding Panhellenic Advisor Award was presented to Jennifer Pierce, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and the Interfraternal Partner Award was presented to Ginny Carroll, inGINuity.

King closed the official business of the meeting by installing the 2017-19 Executive Committee: Chairman Carole Jones, Alpha Omicron Pi; Vice Chairman Malaea Seleski, Zeta Tau Alpha; Advocacy Chairman Donna Cherek, Alpha Chi Omega; Finance Chairman Sandy Burba, Gamma Phi Beta; and Panhellenics Chairman Frances Mitchelson, Phi Mu.

That evening, attendees enjoyed the Celebrating Panhellenic History and Traditions banquet. King delighted the crowd with the Women of Courage and Conviction video, given to NPC by Sigma Kappa in honor of King's service as NPC chairman. King also presented Elizabeth "Betty" Ahlemeyer Quick, Gamma Phi Beta, with the NPC Distinguished Service Award.

New Chairman Carole Jones then outlined six trends arising from generational changes that will create challenges and opportunities for NPC and the 26 member organizations over the coming years. She reminded those assembled they are all stronger and more powerful together. Jones concluded, "I look forward to two years filled with opportunity and promise. I am grateful to serve alongside each of you and look forward to continuing to serve into our bright and promising future together."



A BALLERINA AND A MATHEMATICIAN, **ELLIE ABBICK, Γ/BUTLER**, STRIVES TO BE HER BEST SELF: BOTH ON- AND OFF-STAGE. BY FOCUSING HER STRENGTHS AND THETA SUPPORT ON HER DREAMS AND GOALS, ABBICK IS DEFINITELY A...

# LEADING WOMAN

## ELLIE ABBICK, Γ/BUTLER

When asked what our tagline—Leading Women—means to her, Ellie Abbick said, “Being a leading woman means being someone that others look up to. I want to be a role model for others and inspire them to follow their own dreams. Even when things get rough, it is important to stand by your own moral compass and do the right thing. Being a leading woman means earning success in an honest way and being a light to others.”

Abbick decided to participate in formal recruitment at Butler to meet new people outside of her dance program. She felt that joining a sorority would add value to her college experience through the service and leadership opportunities that Greek life offers. “I placed Theta at the top of my list every day during recruitment because I really looked up to the women there,” she said. Following initiation, Abbick was Gamma Chapter’s finance assistant for two semesters and enjoyed cultivating her own identity outside of ballet through Theta.

Casting for Butler’s production of *The Nutcracker* began at the very beginning of the fall semester and rehearsals continued through early December. As she prepared for her role as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Abbick rehearsed with her partner almost every

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. She said that her success and drive are inspired by the support of her friends and family. Having her Gamma sisters to support and encourage her didn’t go unnoticed and kept Abbick motivated to work harder in rehearsals and performances.

Abbick got into dancing when she was really little; she took her first creative movement class when she was just three years old. She said, “I tried a lot of different sports and activities, but I always liked dancing the best and I wasn’t very good at sports.”

By middle school, Abbick grew more serious about ballet and set out to make that passion a career in high school. She is on track to earn her BFA in dance performance with a minor in mathematics in May 2018. Because she wanted to make sure she had a “back-up plan,” it helped that she’s always been good at math. “My hopes are to join a ballet company after graduation and continue dancing as long as I possibly can. When the time comes to stop dancing, I want to use my numbers background to stay in the arts world and work on the ‘other side.’”



# DAY OF SERVICE FOR GOOD

**K**appa Alpha Theta celebrated our ninth annual International Day of Service of October 19, 2017! Day of Service is an opportunity to honor the anniversary of Bettie Locke Hamilton's birth by purposefully spreading the widest influence for good to Thetas and non-Thetas alike. Really, it's the power of one multiplied by 211,000—the number of living, initiated members around the world.

Alumnae groups, college chapters, and individual Thetas served through a variety of projects, both large and small. We shared their stories on social media, and 67 photos were entered in our Day of Service photo contest. Here are some of those photos, and you can see the contest winner on page 5.

1. Alicia Lee, Zeta Omicron/Wake Forest, volunteered at Books Between Kids, a nonprofit in Houston that is creating home libraries for elementary-aged children.

2. Members of the Alpha Eta Chapter at Vanderbilt and the Eta Phi Chapter at Belmont crafted fleece blankets for children taken into custody and supported at the safe houses of the Nashville Department of Child Services. These children are then supported by CASA volunteers throughout the court system.

3. Members of the Alpha Gamma Chapter at Ohio State made blankets for a local pediatric hospital.

4. Alpha Mu Chapter members pitched in to clean up parks in the Columbia, Missouri, area.

5. Arlington, Virginia, alumnae purchased and packaged more than 100 bags of food for distribution to public school children who are hungry or food-insecure. Every bag they filled was distributed the next week.

6. For a week, members of the Beta Omicron Chapter at Iowa collected items such as toiletries, food, and other small items for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City.

7. Dallas alumnae enjoyed working with collegians from the Beta Sigma Chapter at SMU. Together, they boxed thousands of pounds of food and learned all about how and where it goes to support the Dallas community.

8. Encouraging messages written on Post-it notes by members of the Delta Eta Chapter raised the spirits of students, faculty, administrators and visitors to the Kansas State campus.



9. At a local middle school, members of **Epsilon Rho Chapter** at **Lehigh** helped organize clothing donations for victims of recent hurricanes.

10. Members of the **Eta Tau Chapter** at **Tampa** spent the day tidying and beautifying Picnic Island Park.

11. **Indianapolis** alumnae packed 274 toiletry bags for CASA kids.

12. **Oklahoma City** alumnae packaged more than 5,000 pounds of food at the Oklahoma Food Bank. This equaled more than 4,000 meals!

13. When **Michele McCaslin, Beta Xi/UCLA**, returned from volunteering at a US military medical center in Germany, she told her friends how popular fleece pillows were with wounded service people there. For several years **Pasadena** Thetas and others in the Pasadena area have made "squishy pillows" to be distributed at the Veterans Hospital on Veterans Day.

14. **Plano** Thetas helped Collin County CASA by writing thank-you notes to sponsors of their golf tournament.

15. The **Westchester Alumnae Chapter's** Team Pink Tails participated in a Making Strides Against Breast Cancer five-mile walk in New York. Team Pink Tails raised an amazing \$13,760, finishing in the Top 10 for money raised by a team.

16. The **Zeta Lambda Chapter** at **Charleston** partnered with the Lowcountry Food Bank's Backpack Buddies program to supply low-income children with meals during the weekend when access to school-supplied meals is not available. Collegians and alumnae packaged more than 1,500 lunches and sorted an additional 1,800 pre-packaged items.



# BREAKING THE CYCLE

PASSIONATE TO ERADICATE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR REBECCA MACY'S GROUNDBREAKING COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH FOCUSES ON PREVENTION AND HEALING.

BY JAN SCHMITZ MATHEW, Δ/ILLINOIS

**A**s a youngster, Rebecca Macy recalls her parents often bringing their work home with them—specifically, to the family's kitchen table.

Dinnertime conversations among her father, Harry, chairman of the Department of Social Work at Ball State University; her mother, Delpha, director of Comprehensive Mental Health Services of East Central Indiana's family preservation program; and younger sister Rachel typically centered on their community's needs and issues.

"My parents weren't focused on money and achievement," recalls **Macy, N/Hanover**. "Rather, they were motivated by opportunities to make a difference in people's lives. They cultivated a sense of responsibility in my sister and me."

Family conversations and good examples lingered, ultimately leading Macy to a career in social work. She joined the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work faculty in 2002 as an assistant professor, and in 2012 was named L. Richardson Preyer Distinguished Chair for Strengthening Families. In this capacity, she impacts hundreds of women's lives by pursuing her passion to eradicate gender-based violence. Her work encompasses violence by an intimate partner, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sex trafficking.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one out of four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. "People typically are surprised by the prevalence of gender-based violence and the serious nature of the issue," Macy says. "Women who experience this violence often face severe economic and mental health problems, along with depressive and physiological symptoms. 'Outsiders' don't realize how difficult it can be to move on from these situations and to create safety for yourself and your children."

"Looking at the data, you see that men experience violence too," she acknowledges. "But women are most at

risk, and they bear the burden of a serious issue that affects their health and wellbeing."

"Violence happens up and down the economic scale—wealth or education doesn't protect you. The single biggest risk for gender-based violence is simply being female."

"There aren't straightforward, evidence-based solutions to prevent this, which is why I am so passionate about research."

## SORORITY SUPPORT

Macy grew up in Muncie, Indiana, and from a young age felt called to a profession that centered on people. After graduating magna cum laude from Hanover College with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and French, she spent one year traveling as a travelling consultant for Theta.

"At that point, I was thinking about going back to school for a PhD in psychology or a counseling field," Macy says, "and I remember Dad telling me, 'You just need a place to start.' He felt social work was a great profession—I could earn a master's degree and start working right away. At that point, I never envisioned myself as a professor and researcher. But I never forgot Dad's advice."

Macy earned her master's degree in social work from Tulane University and spent the next four years as a clinical social worker for the Midtown Community Mental Health Center in Indianapolis. She earned her PhD in 2002 from the University of Washington School of Social Work.

Theta was a key part of her journey at every juncture—starting with Julie Davis Good, who was Macy's student orientation leader and one of the first women she met as a freshman at Hanover.



Rebecca Macy, N/Hanover



Macy (back row, second from left) traveled as a consultant for Theta in 1991-92.

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Left: Macy with her nieces, Natalie Stafford (far left) and Avery Stafford (far right), and sister, Rachel Macy Stafford, Nu/Hanover (near right). Right: Macy with her parents, Harry and Delpha Macy.



"Julie was an influential role model in my life, and I looked up to her," says Macy. "She was a warm, caring person and exuded confidence, grace, and positivity ... everything that I felt defined Theta."

Good was the first in a string of women Macy characterizes as "Thetas of influence." Former Fraternity president and National Panhellenic Conference delegate **Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane**, was a member of the Nu Chapter advisory board when Macy served as chapter president. And current Kappa Alpha Theta CEO/Executive Director **Betsy Sierk Corridan, Beta Omicron/Iowa**, and **Lindy Hardin Chapman, Epsilon Eta/Centre**, were Macy's supervisors when she served Theta as a traveling consultant.

"I built on many skills as a consultant: public speaking, communication, and simply managing a lot of complexities," recalls Macy, whose sister Rachel Macy Stafford, a best-selling author with a background in special education, pledged Nu Chapter when Macy was a senior. "The experience gave me a great deal of confidence and ultimately benefited me in my career."

"The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation was also incredibly generous to me with scholarship support, which in turn really helped me pursue both of my graduate degrees."

Macy's dissertation, "Coping with Repeated Sexual Aggression: Profiles of Risk, Protection and Resilience Among College Women," also referenced the strength of sisterhood as it relates to gender-based violence.

"My mentor at Washington conducted a study focused exclusively on sorority women and found that they were very good about looking out for each other," Macy says. "They often have a 'wing woman' when they go out together; they'll also warn each other about certain men to avoid."

*"I built on many skills as a chapter consultant: public speaking, communication, and simply managing a lot of complexities. The experience gave me a great deal of confidence and ultimately benefited me in my career."*

"We often put others' needs first," she adds, "but it's so important for women to take care of themselves. To be willing to set boundaries and limits and be clear about them."

#### **SUPPORTING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN**

As a researcher, Macy's mission focuses on helping women take care of themselves in ways that are sustainable and successful. Her research is considered groundbreaking, because she looks for particularly creative efforts by social workers and then documents these programs with real data, all with the goal of informing best practices to eradicate gender-based violence nationwide. "Research informs practice, and practice informs research," Macy explained in an article published in the September 2014 *University Gazette*. "This is especially important in social work, because not all the innovative ideas are going to come out of a university."

Since 2008, Macy and her research team have partnered with Mothers Overcoming Violence through Education and Empowerment (MOVE). This 13-week, court-mandated interpersonal violence

intervention program is the project of two North Carolina nonprofit groups: InterAct of Wake County, which provides interpersonal violence services, and SAFEchild Raleigh, which offers child abuse prevention services.

"The key difference about MOVE is that it targets women and children, and addresses parenting in the context of domestic violence," Macy explains. "These women are struggling with violence but are still trying to be the best moms they can be."

Funded in part by the Duke Endowment, the program is free, with childcare and transportation provided. Evening meetings begin with a shared meal, followed by therapy sessions for women and their children. "There are typical-

ly five to eight women in a group, and they draw a lot of support and encouragement from each other,” Macy says.

Over the course of five years, Macy’s research team has collected data from more than 100 women and 30 children. In addition to being videotaped separately and with their children, women complete entrance and exit surveys, along with a three-month post-program questionnaire. Many continue their ties with MOVE after a year or more.

“The findings are very encouraging,” Macy says. “Over the time they participated, women reported less family violence, better mental health, and better parenting outcomes.” Up to three months after completing the program, there was a 96.5 percent reduction in the likelihood that they would experience a repeat of physical abuse, and a nearly 84 percent decrease in the likelihood that the women would experience any form of psychological abuse. These initial findings were published in the journal *Research and Social Work Practice*.

“Up to one year later, most were no longer with abusive partners,” Macy adds. “Some had returned to school; others had new jobs. Surveys included comments such as, ‘I used to think spanking worked, but now I’ve found better ways to manage discipline.’ Many women still struggled economically; however, they also tended to feel more optimistic. It was very gratifying to these women that others cared so much about them.”

#### REACHING YOUNG MEN

Complementing initiatives that help support and heal victims of gender-based violence are what Macy calls “upstream” efforts—specifically, prevention interventions. Currently, she is one of two lead investigators evaluating the effectiveness of Wise Guys, a program from the Children’s Home Society of North Carolina that teaches young men between the ages of 12 to 18 about abstinence, contraception, and healthy relationships. The 12-week program travels to schools throughout North Carolina and has reached more than 5,400 teens. Among participants, 73 percent of youth report improved sex-role attitudes or have maintained attitudes at a high level.

“We’re working with young men and teaching them that violent behaviors simply aren’t acceptable,” Macy says, adding that the hope is to expand the Wise Guys program to boys and girls clubs, substance abuse treatment facilities, and other social services settings. “Strong men do not use their strength for hurting.”

Macy’s next step in the research realm is to write grants for comparative studies in order to identify key variables that differentiate success rates of programs such as MOVE and Wise Guys. “It’s probably not realistic to expect that

gender-based violence will be completely eradicated,” Macy admits, “because society will always have very violent people—the worst of the worst. And protecting yourself from gender-based violence is much like wearing a seatbelt. You can do everything in your power to keep yourself safe and still be involved in a crash.”

“But I believe we can reduce the numbers quite a bit. Instead of one in four women experiencing violence in their lifetimes, maybe take this statistic to five or ten percent instead.”

“I see a lot of hope where prevention intervention is concerned.”

#### TRENDING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Although she currently teaches one master’s-level course, “Trauma and Violence,” grant-funded projects command most of Macy’s attention. Among her recent endeavors is a needs-assessment study for a domestic violence center in Orange County, which includes Durham-Chapel Hill.

“I’m looking at our service gaps, and how we can better respond,” Macy says. “Many people don’t realize how hard it is to get victims the help they need. Emergency centers, housing—even getting a protection order can be hard. Until you’ve worked with these women, you simply have no idea what you would do in their shoes.”

But Macy is certain of one thing: the tide is turning.

“Gender-based violence issues have been with us throughout human existence,” she says. “But the last 20 or 30 years have seen a new understanding. Behaviors considered tolerable or acceptable even as recently as five years ago are now seen as serious problems.”

“It continues to be a challenge to raise awareness, especially in small communities, where there’s sometimes an attitude that gender-based violence is a private matter: ‘She made her bed, she should lie in it.’

“But overall as a society, we know these attitudes and behaviors aren’t acceptable.”

Although her passions outside of work include family, friends, and travel—she’s been to Portugal and France in the past year—Macy hopes the next decade brings more of the same.

“I would honestly like to continue to lead research and teach about family violence,” she says. “I love my work and feel fortunate to have the job that I do.”

“Rather than a bucket list, I try to make the most of each and every day. That way, I don’t miss the wonderful and sometimes very unexpected experiences that life brings.”



#### CARING FOR OURSELVES AND ONE ANOTHER

Sisters Supporting Sisters is Theta’s award-winning mental health initiative. Created in partnership with mental health professionals and organizations, the program encourages members to show care for one another’s mental and emotional well-being.

Sisters Supporting Sisters webinars and other resources relating to gender-based violence include information on healthy relationships and sexual assault as well as bystander intervention. A crucial component of Sisters Supporting Sisters is Talk One-2-One, a confidential hotline staffed by licensed counselors. The service is free to collegians and college chapter advisors and may be accessed at 800.756.3124.

Through programs such as this, Kappa Alpha Theta is committed to supporting members who are survivors of interpersonal violence. Sisters Supporting Sisters is sponsored by a grant from Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

# HOW TO —

## — START OVER

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**O**ne moment, I was a blushing bride in a puffy designer wedding gown. The next, my new husband said we had made a mistake to get married ... and things were never the same. What ensued were years of transition and growth that set me up for a life I never would have imagined. But looking back, I wouldn't change any of it. I now believe we are never faced with anything we cannot handle.

It took time, but I learned a great deal from my experience. The most important lesson? I am in charge of how I react when something doesn't go as planned, and I get to decide what my life looks like. After our divorce was finalized, I quit my job and bought a one-way ticket to South America. I may have been forced to start over, but I was going to do it on my own terms.

There are many reasons why we start over. Sometimes we aren't given a choice, like when a lover leaves our side or we get let go from a job. Other times, we just know we need to. Our heart calls out to us, asking to find our purpose and chart a new path. While change can be scary, the transition can take us to places we never dreamed of. I spent one year traveling abroad as a newly single woman and deciding what I wanted to do next. It was liberating.

If you're looking to start anew, allow these tips to guide you. There are specific things you can do to change the direction of your life, no matter the circumstances. (You don't need to go abroad to do it, either!)

**1. Let the past be the past.** Learn from your past experiences, and then move on. It took several months before I was truly able to leave my ex-husband behind and focus on myself. If you can't walk away from something completely, don't continue to dwell on negative expe-

riences. Recognize them for what they are, and release them. These thoughts won't serve you.

- 2. Decide where you want to go from here.** Envision your future self. What empowers her? What does she do? Where does she go each day? Use the powerful technique of visualization to identify exactly what your next step looks like, and use all of your senses to take you there. What do you hear, smell, feel? Take it a step further by putting these thoughts on paper.
- 3. Take steps to realize your future.** Open that savings account. Buy that power suit or plane ticket. Do whatever you need to do to start the process. Once you are aligned with your purpose, the rest will start to flow. You will be amazed at the opportunities that come your way once you set things in motion.
- 4. Find a community of support.** Share your story and goals in a safe place. A friend, relative, or coach can be wonderful for support and accountability. Join a Facebook group or attend a local meet-up to connect with like-minded women who share similar dreams.
- 5. Trust that it's all unfolding the way it should.** Everything in your life has led you to this moment. Embrace the change and start living the life you were meant to live. You will only grow stronger with each challenge. Trust the process.

Starting over can feel overwhelming, but it can also be incredibly empowering. You are exactly where you need to be, and you can go wherever you choose to go from here. Smile and take a deep breath. You are in charge. Remember that.



Asia Dawn Simonelli,  
HI/San Diego

**Do you know (or know another Theta who knows) how to do something better?** If so, please contact Lisa Thibault, website content manager/digital analyst, lthibault@kappaalphatheta.org. We'd love to hear from you!

# Seven for 2017

SIGNIFICANT SNAPSHOTS  
FROM THETA'S SOCIAL  
MEDIA UNIVERSE

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## "Celebrating Theta: 1870 - 2020"

Video — Jan. 27, 2017 (A)

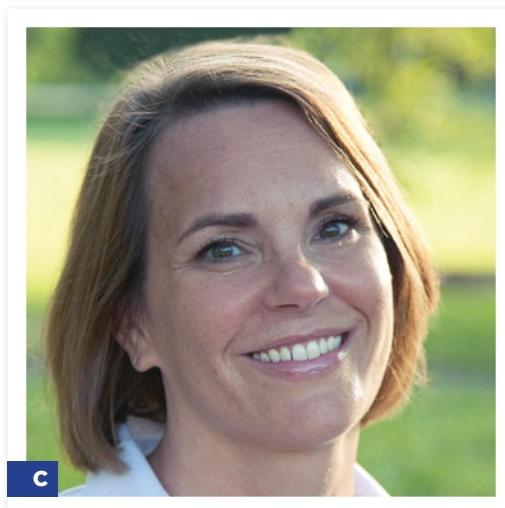
On Founders Day 2017, Theta released a touching video on the enduring power of the Theta experience. Viewed more than 200,000 times across social media platforms, the video celebrates Theta's nearly 150-year legacy. It features interviews with Thetas of all ages and spotlights the Theta bonds that sustain us through the ups and downs of life. If you have not had a chance to view the video, visit [bit.ly/ThetaSesquiVideo](http://bit.ly/ThetaSesquiVideo) to check it out.

## Bettie Locke Quote Mortarboard — May 13, 2017 (B)

This beautifully adorned mortarboard created by Jordan Qaddourah, Delta Kappa/LSU, captured Bettie Locke's pioneering spirit and reached thousands on Instagram.

## Remembering Amy Hayner Kates — July 10, 2017 (C)

The untimely death of beloved sister and former Fraternity President Amy Hayner Kates, Alpha Phi/Tulane, dominated Theta's social media engagement during the month of July. We continue to hold Amy and the Kates family in our hearts.



## "Bettie and Her Family: Four Generations of Thetas" Virtual Exhibit Tour — July 25, 2017

An exhibit at Theta headquarters from January to May offered an intimate view of Bettie Locke Hamilton's family. Staff Archivist Noraleen Duvall Young, Alpha Chi/Purdue, provided a virtual tour at [www.heritage.kappaalphatheta.org](http://www.heritage.kappaalphatheta.org).

## 35 Under 35 List — Aug. 11, 2017

In August, Theta revealed our first-ever 35 Under 35 list. We honored 35 young women making tremendous strides in fields spanning business, medicine, fashion, culinary arts, and more! Check out the Facebook album for details on the honorees. [www.Facebook.com/KappaAlphaTheta](http://www.Facebook.com/KappaAlphaTheta)

## New Chapters! — November 2017

Theta welcomed two new chapters this fall. Social media helped us give a warm welcome to Theta Omicron at UNC Charlotte and Theta Pi at Sacred Heart.

## Supporting Our Panhellenic Sisters at Harvard — Dec. 12, 2017 (D)

In December, Harvard administrators formalized sanctions they had announced in the spring of 2016. These sanctions penalize women of the class of 2021 (current freshmen) who join Theta or other single-gender organizations by preventing them from holding student group leadership positions, varsity athletic team captaincies, and certain prestigious fellowships. Support on social media lauded the Zeta Xi Chapter for opening recruitment to freshman women, believing that these women deserve to make their own choices about whether to join a group that offers member-driven education, support systems, and an empowering female-only space—at a time when these are needed more than ever.



## REUNIONS

**A** The Beta Delta Chapter at the University of Arizona celebrated their centennial over Founders Day weekend. Special facility tours and other unique activities marked the special occasion.

**B** Sheridan Cravens Morris, Linda Rieger, Kathy Adamson Jordan, Kristin Krueger Mueller, and Sallie Strobel Wilson, members of the 1966 new member class of **Beta Iota/Colorado**, reunited in Santa Rosa beach.

**C** Barbara Timmerman Voorheis, Carly Steffee Merrill, Sherla Jennings Alberola, Donna Reuling Gainer, Marcia Kierland Henry, Polly Palen Elder, Jan Morford Stewart, and Kathy Arnold Frakes, members of the 1955 new member class of **Beta Pi/Michigan State**, reunited on campus.

**D** **Beta Epsilon/Oregon State** alumnae gathered for their 62<sup>nd</sup> reunion and snapped this photo.



**E** Over the past three years, alumnae members of **Gamma Delta/Georgia** have reunited in many exciting places: a UGA vs. UNC game, Rosemary Beach, Nashville, and Charleston!

**F** For their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion, alumnae from **Gamma Mu/Maryland** gathered in Breckenridge. Pictured are **Jennifer Braman Prevo**, **Lorraine Maughlin**, **Leeann Janoski Eckert**, **Meredith Deutsch**, and **Leigh Wild Plue**.



# THETAS OF NOTE



**Brayden Ainsworth, HΣ/Chapman,** wrote an article for *The Odyssey* about her experience being "the daughter of a mother who has depression."

Brayden expressed her appreciation for the #ThetaLovesLouder campaign, which encourages mental health awareness and recognizes Theta's initiatives and resources surrounding it.



**Virginia Guilfoil Allen, X/Syracuse,** above far right, was inducted posthumously into the New York State Golf Association (NYSGA) Hall of Fame in October 2017. In 1936, she was one of four young women initiated into Theta at Grand Convention at Glacier National Park, Montana.



**Robin Robertson Lauth, Γ/Butler,** was elected to the Butler University Board of Trustees.



**Mandy Lee Womack, ΓΣ/San Diego State,** was named assistant dean of students at the University of San Diego! Mandy has served Theta in a variety of volunteer roles.



## ALUMNAE CHAPTERS & GROUPS

**G** Holly Herbert, AΨ/Lawrence; Joan Reed, B/Indiana; Lorie Land, AX/Purdue; Sharon Barnett, AO/Oklahoma; Laurie Horton, ΓΖ/Connecticut; Nancy Davidonis, BI/Colorado; and Amanda Steinhardt, T/Northwestern, of the **Charleston Lowcountry Alumnae Circle**, snapped this photo during their lunch bunch event.

**H** Darlene Elwood, Janet Northcraft, Jeanne Hoferer, Mayre Hoffman, Kathy Portman, Jeanne Nunn, Carla Hearrell, Jenifer Lucas, and Lynn England, all AΨ/Washburn celebrated the 40th anniversary of their Trough Club. While the original purpose of the group was to get together for fun, good food, and the exchange of recipes, the Trough Club has also demonstrated that Theta is indeed for a lifetime and that Theta sisters support one another in their most trying times.

**I** For more than five years, the **Hartford Alumnae Chapter** has had an annual garden party in the home of their treasurer, Lynn Murray, BT/Denison, to catch up and go over business for the upcoming year.



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F



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## COLLEGE & ALUMNAE

**A** The Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter and members of **Eta Omicron/North Florida** helped paint and assemble decorative angels for Angels for Allison, founded by **Drew Haramis, BN/Florida State**. The organization helps with the financial needs of families who are suffering due to the loss of a child. Eta Omicron members and cousins **Catalina McEachern** and **Taylor Aldrich** posed with the completed angels; pictured in the group photo are **Catalina McEachern**; **Taylor Aldrich**; **Ashley Helmick, ΔΦ/Clemson**; **Martha Van Der Mallie, ΓΔ/Georgia**; **Joice Ira, BN/Florida State**; **Drew Haramis** and **Susan Singer, HO/North Florida**.

**B** Members of **Eta Phi/Belmont** helped the Nashville Alumnae Chapter stuff invitations for the 2017 Bal d'Hiver Charity Ball, the oldest charity ball in Nashville. Pictured are **Sarah Harrison, Claire Anderson, Rachel Ryan, Megan Faber, Alison Dandridge, Caroline LaHurd, and Olivia Steiner**, all **Eta Phi**.

**C** **Gamma Chi/Fresno State** and the Fresno State Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter held a sisterhood event to decorate cookies and make Halloween goodie bags and cards for two local philanthropies: The Ronald McDonald House and Stone Soup.

**D** The **Zeta Mu Chapter** at MIT snapped this photo on the first day of primary recruitment.

**E** The Executive Recruitment Board (ERB) of **Eta Xi/Quinnipiac** posed for a picture with Recruitment Advisor **Meaghan Hartney, ΑΦ/Tulane**.

**F** Some Thetas from the Jackson Hole area of Wyoming gathered for wine and cheese: **Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA**; **Lisa daCosta Price, ψ/Wisconsin**; **Emily Arbegust Janak, EH/Centre**; and **Elizabeth Collins, AM/Missouri**.

**G** Collegians from the **Beta Sigma Chapter** at SMU denoted their painting skills to a local trick-or-treat event.

**H** Alumnae and collegians from the **Alpha Xi Chapter** at Oregon celebrated their new facility during homecoming weekend. Saturday's sunshine made the smiles even brighter, as alumnae toured the new building, reconnected with sisters, and enjoyed Theta's sparkling new home on the University of Oregon campus.



# DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

A DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY IS WORTH CELEBRATING! THESE WOMEN WERE INITIATED INTO KAPPA ALPHA THETA IN 1943 AND OFFICIALLY CELEBRATED 75 YEARS IN THETA ON FOUNDERS DAY.

## A/DEPAUW

Anne Strickland Cameron  
Lucia Wainright Clark  
Barbara Evans Emison  
Elise Stevens Kistler  
Phyllis Maue  
Suzanne Pulliam Murphy  
Marjorie Mogg Steiger  
Jeanne Guild Townsend  
Jean Smith Worthley

## B/INDIANA

Mary Alexander Bennett  
Katherine Hoffman Mixson  
Cain  
Jeanne Seidel Miller  
Patricia Kelvie Roberts  
Barbara Hetzner Scherer  
Mary McKown Shaver  
Susan Countryman Stiles  
Martha Feltus Walstrum

## G/BUTLER

Dorothy Masters Haskins  
Elizabeth Josey Johnston  
Mary Liz Donnell Mitchell  
Florence Becker Mott  
Betty Heassler Seagle  
Mary Johnson Stammel

## A/ILLINOIS

Martha Rothgangel Blom  
Rosanna Webster Jaffin  
Jacqueline McElvain Withers

## H/MICHIGAN

Mary Elizabeth Burke Brown  
Thea Labudde Brunsell  
Margaret Heath Carroll  
Margaret Carlisle Chapman  
Jane Archer Kopcke  
Nita Carrrite Regnier  
Betty Smith Sandling

## I/CORNELL

Marion Graham Blose  
Jean Rixmann Elliott  
Joan Scheffel Evans  
Dorothy Hotchkiss Haberl  
Shirley Husson Kraus  
Hanson  
Ann Shively Kalbach  
Anne Bishop McKusick  
Jean Strohecker Metzgar  
Mary Verwoerd Munson  
Marcia Hutchins Pimental  
Jane F. Smith

## K/KANSAS

Donice Schwein Evans  
Nancy Brown Moffett

## L/VERMONT

Elizabeth Richards Cunningham  
Penelope Easton  
Marjorie Wallin Estes  
Nancy Flemming Hatch  
Marguerite Donnelly Moore  
Edith Colegrove Noyes  
Harriet Bristol Saville

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Mary Johnson Defender  
Helen Rittenour Geesey  
Barbara Murray Keating  
Mary Sanders McBride

## M/ALLEGHENY

Elinor Jones Chalfant  
Jane Miller Fritts  
Elaine Alexander Klein

## O/USC

Hilda Orr Burnett  
Dorothy Koster Cobblewick  
Leota Robb Daniels  
Patricia Corrick Houser  
Jean Yale Lazar  
Joan Smith McDonald  
Delia Murphy Meyer  
Patricia Macy Snook  
Peggy Servais Weiner

## P/NEBRASKA

Kathleen Anderson Best  
Marjorie Heyn Blockhan  
Mary Waring Bue  
Lois Wright Cory

## T/NORTHWESTERN

Dorothy Amend  
Chamberlain  
Betty Grede Davis  
Jeane Megan Jaynes  
Julia Martha Lusk  
Carol Gilligan McKinlay  
Betty Bartlett Treanor  
Mary Fortune Wilcox  
Helen Bull Withrow

## Y/MINNESOTA

Lota Ahrens Carter  
Rosemary Young Carvallo  
Barbara Sensenbrenner  
Cashman  
Mena Clefton Dyste  
Barbara Deicken Frase  
Ruth Stryker Gordon  
Isabelle Culligan Mills

## X/SYRACUSE

Joan Stevens Eaton  
Eloise Knapp Fuller  
Janet Wensley Kimberling  
Margaret Collins Nugent  
Mary Eckel Shane  
Patricia Knodel Smarzo  
Marian Hart Smith

## W/WISCONSIN

Dorothy Baird Bridges  
Aimee Pleyte Everitt  
Karolyn Kreyling Folz  
Marjorie Detienne Lamp  
Margaret Salick Luchsinger  
Mabel Gormley Preble  
Ann Korner Silber  
Edith Pendock Stowers

## Q/UC BERKELEY

Elizabeth Lawler Ashley  
Lucy Harrison Campbell  
Carol Dougherty  
Eleanor Wilder Edmund  
Carolyn Balsdon Hiller  
Ruth Bradley Holmes  
Susan Stimmel Metcalf  
Barbara Toms Mills  
Marjorie Hauck Sproul  
Virginia Steele Woods

## A/G/OHIO STATE

Marjorie Reinert Bohl  
Helen Hoyer Brown  
Jean Koogler Johnson  
Margaret Myers Roof  
Martha Hoskins Schmulbach  
Lois Porter Weimer  
Kay Glessner Ziegler

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Martha Clark Barbato  
Lillian Havener Lowery  
Camille Burchfield Metzger  
Lucinda Lippard Painter  
Patricia Falconer Weldon

## A/H/VANDERBILT

Peggy Fox Kelly

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Betty Montgomery Buas  
Nancy Smith Chandler  
Mahala Young Claiborne  
Mary Furrh Cooke  
Louise Ewing Erwin  
Suzy Neel Mayo  
Rita Myatt Radley  
Cecile Cage Wavell

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Betty Bushman Fitzgibbons  
Suzanne Ramsey Milks  
Barbara Brown Minckley  
Patricia Flauth Mortensen  
Janey Harting Park  
Rachel Anderson Roberts  
Elizabeth Miller Roche  
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Elaine Decoste Bobzin  
Irene Psaki Sweeney

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Bliss Nelson Miller  
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Myra Lindsay Sohm  
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Inez Fraser Kurth  
Adele Kraabel Norris  
Hartzell  
Ethel Regan Palmer  
Dorothy Angstman Peete  
Margaret Duncan York

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Alice Lockhart Bell  
Eileen Daniels Curtis  
Ruth Chappell Glause  
Martha Benke Ohlson  
Eloise Mulhausen Stevenson  
Phyllis Vanpetten Walters

## A/O/OKLAHOMA

Elizabeth Merrick Coe  
Betty Beck Dean  
Marcia Kelso Gallaway

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Catherine Hofto Bear  
Marjorie Bagne Einerson  
Janet Selke How  
Doris Dominick Wenino  
Elaine Valkier Youngbeck

## A/P/SOUTH DAKOTA

Charlotte O'Neill Bain  
Phyllis Leikvold Iszard  
Dorene Starksen Parode  
Kathryn Ball Reaney

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Patricia Wright Ellis  
Nancy Knettle Holtz  
Carol Jensen Norton  
Jane Darling Ricker  
Mary Cannon Serfozo

## A/T/CINCINNATI

Virginia Rathkamp Eaton  
Janet Walker Pfoltzer  
Elizabeth Warner Raney  
Alis Rule Robinson

## A/Y/WASHBURN

Doris Taggart Lentz  
Marcia Frost Manchester  
Doris Cohn Pirotte  
Doris Swisher Poltera

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Marianne Sewell Aiken  
Wilma Knight Barnes  
Gloria Smith Box  
Alyce Marechal O'Brien  
Frances Walther Wells

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Elizabeth King Combs  
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Dorothy Yates Elliott  
Patricia Milne Kunz  
Mercedes Golden  
Shoemaker

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Anne Hooley Summers  
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Wagner  
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Ruth Weimer Tilar  
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Verna Lindstrom Jagoe  
Luba Vorshuk Suswick

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Daphne Miller Campbell  
E. Jane S. Davis  
Anne Chase Dobson  
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Barbara Thayer Lenhardt  
Dorothy Nestle  
Elizabeth Fitzgerald Roberts  
Dorothy Hatch Shumway-Czecot  
Barbara Crowther Tetlow  
Marcia Greene Thompson  
Helen Beaumont Warner  
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# WHY SHOULD I JOIN THETA LIFE LOYAL?

In the 148 years since Theta's founding, much in the world has changed. Much in our Fraternity has changed. But one thing remains the same: Theta's commitment to high ideals and her promise to provide opportunities for social, intellectual, and moral growth.

Life Loyal is a special level of membership. Through Theta Life Loyal, we embody the inherent worth and unlimited possibilities of lifelong sisterhood. Through Theta Life Loyal, we strengthen our ideals of individual achievement and work for the common good, as well as reinforce our shared experiences of service, scholarship, and sisterhood.

At the same time, Life Loyal is a great way to stay connected to Theta while still managing our busy lives. We often hear from alumnae that they love their Theta experience, but don't have time to be involved. We understand how busy life can get with family, friends, careers ... dedication to these important priorities make us true Theta leading women!

The next few years will be exciting for Theta as we prepare to celebrate our sesquicentennial in 2020! Enrolling in Theta Life Loyal helps our Fraternity continue to grow and thrive and provide women with an experience they will cherish for the rest of their lives.

*Life Loyal*



## BECOME A LIFE LOYAL THETA!

These women enrolled between August 1 and October 31, 2017.

### A/DEPAUW

Martha Morgan Bull  
Catherine Walz Rundle

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Kate Brennan Backoff  
Elle Steele

### Δ/ILLINOIS

Kimberly Kuhar Greenwald

### I/CORNELL

Annie Bilinski

### Γ<sup>A</sup>/OHIO

### WESLEYAN

Karen Miller Wicke

### O/USC

Sarah Allen  
Joy Allen Williams

### Π/ALBION

Mary F. Foster

### X/SYRACUSE

Kristy Malley  
Susanna Fisch Zysk

### Ψ/WISCONSIN

Katherine Ann Goddard  
Susan Polacek

### ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

Kristin M. Johnson

### ΑΘ/TEXAS

Josephine Cornwell Allison  
Jane Eichorn  
Emily Brooks Garriott

### ΑΛ/WASHINGTON

Brooke Kelly McCurdy

### ΑΜ/MISSOURI

Amy Neff Pieper

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Shannon Muntz Holt

### ΑΡ/SOUTH

### DAKOTA

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McCurdy

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Shana Treadwell Smith

### ΑΤ/CINCINNATI

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### ΑΧ/PURDUE

Jennifer Skiles

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### STATE

Allison Gribben

### ΒΔ/ARIZONA

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Jennifer Jones Esparza  
Victoria Jackson

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### STATE

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Pamela Bellamy Strickland  
Lane Rabb Tharp

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Sara Koester

### ΓΜ/MARYLAND

Eileen Kiely Orscheln

### ΓΠ/IAWA STATE

Barbara Bennett Davis

### ΓΡ/UC SANTA

Barbara  
Cynthia Romar Willson

### ΓΣ/SAN DIEGO STATE

Jamie Wilkinson Regan

### ΓΤ/TULSA

Karen Engeldinger Garren  
Rita Bhojwani Jhaveri

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### STATE

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### ΓΨ/TCU

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### ΓΩ/AUBURN

Andrea Martin

### ΔΕ/ARIZONA

### STATE

Joan Fuelleman Quimby

### ΔΗ/KANSAS

STATE  
Shelby Shannon Palmgren  
Jane Myers Perrine  
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Alexandra Tananbaum

### ΕΨ/RICHMOND

Meredith Erskine

### ΖΖ/COLGATE

Christina Stafford Chapin

### ΖΗ/WOFFORD

Celia Bressler

Monique Pitre

### ΖΘ/CAL POLY

Kimberly Downs Dillman

Carey Seitz Diment

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Jamie Harris Braddy

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Wei Low

### ΖΝ/UC DAVIS

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### MARYMOUNT

Whitney Ann Gould

### ΗΠ/CASE

### WESTERN

Laura James

### ΗΤ/TAMPA

Amanda Hyssong

### ΗΧ/BOSTON

Joliette Mandel

### ΗΨ/TUFTS

Meaghan Paloma Annett

### ΘΙ/-

Nereida Gonzalez

## WHAT IS KAPPA ALPHA THETA LIFE LOYAL?

Since 1870, Theta has remained committed to high ideals and to providing opportunities for social, intellectual, and moral growth.

Yet providing these opportunities does not come without a cost, and that is why we created Kappa Alpha Theta Life Loyal. Our college members not only excel in academics and leadership on their college campuses, they also account for a significant portion of Theta's general treasury income.

When you enroll in Theta Life Loyal, you help fund *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* and thereby free college dues and fees to support ethical, social, and educational programs that develop women of integrity and character. When you enroll in Theta Life Loyal, you help our Fraternity continue to foster dear friendships and nurture hopes and dreams for generations to come

### LIFE LOYAL MEMBERS RECEIVE

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Fraternity dues payment for life\*

A handcrafted lapel pin

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## IT'S EASY TO JOIN LIFE LOYAL OR ENROLL A FRIEND OR RELATIVE!

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Simply go to [www.thetalifeloyal.org](http://www.thetalifeloyal.org) to join and pay through our secure website.

### PHONE

Call Fraternity headquarters,  
**800-526-1870**,  
to provide your contact and payment information over the phone.

### MAIL

Print the enrollment form available at [www.thetalifeloyal.org](http://www.thetalifeloyal.org)  
and mail the completed form with your check or credit card information to:

Kappa Alpha Theta  
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## A PLACE IN A MAN'S WORLD

"YOU KNOW THE FRATERNITY WAS ALWAYS SECOND IN MY MIND TO COEDUCATION. WE HAD TO MAKE A PLACE FOR WOMEN IN A MAN'S WORLD, AND THE FRATERNITY WAS ONE MEANS TO THAT BIGGER END."

- BETTIE LOCKE HAMILTON

**N**early 150 years after our founders established Kappa Alpha Theta as a safe space of support for women in an often-hostile, male-dominated environment, the idea of women as intelligent, independent adults with the ability to make their own decisions seems self-evident. The importance of opportunities and choices for all women, and of a woman's right to create supportive, aspirational communities, like Kappa Alpha Theta, seems self-evident as well.

Apparently, however, it is not self-evident to some in higher education, as demonstrated by a recent decision by Harvard administrators. The university has finalized sanctions that prevent members of single-gender finals clubs and Greek organizations on campus from holding student group leadership positions, varsity athletic team captaincies, and certain prestigious fellowships. University President Drew G. Faust first introduced the penalties in May 2016, and the Harvard Corporation voted in early December 2017 to retain the policy after 18 months of heated debate.

While university administrators tout the decision as a response to the recommendations of a report on sexual assault prevention, penalizing young women for their involvement in a sorority actually denies them access to member-driven education and support systems shown to be effective in battling sexual assault, as well as alcohol abuse, mental health issues, and the everyday challenges of college life.

These penalties will be in effect for women of the class of 2021, who are currently freshmen.

Believing that women should make their own choices, the members of the Cambridge Area Panhellenic Council, including Theta, voted to conduct recruitment this January and open it to freshmen women.

Rena Simkowitz, Zeta Xi chief executive officer explained the group's decision. "At a time when women are increasingly standing up to the discrimination and sexism they experience every day, it is more important than ever to protect spaces that enable women to empower one another to stand up, speak out, and affirm each other."

Kappa Alpha Theta is committed to continuing support of the members of our Zeta Xi Chapter. A dedicated group of caring, compassionate alumnae serve on the chapter's advisory board, guiding the chapter and mentoring the members. Support of the chapter extends to volunteer officers and staff at the international level as well.

"The incredible support and guidance I have received not just from within my chapter but also from the Fraternity over the past few months has pushed me to take risks, think outside the box, and grow as a leader and person," said Simkowitz. "My experience with Theta continuously reaffirms why I believe so strongly in the unique value of women's organizations to empower and support."

A December social media campaign using the hashtag **#hearherharvard** garnered enthusiastic support, not only from Thetas but from members and friends of other fraternities and sororities. (See page 23.) At press time for this issue, a follow-up campaign offered encouragement as recruitment registration for Harvard women began.

Jamie Chen, CEO, and Rena Simkowitz, CEO, at Zeta Xi's Sisterhood Holiday Dinner.

*"I am grateful to Theta for supporting me over the past three years, academic and otherwise, and I firmly believe in the importance of women supporting women." - Jamie Chen, Zeta Xi Chief External Affairs Officer*

A notice of the death of a Theta sister may be sent to Gretchen Brown, membership coordinator. (Her contact information may be found on page 2.) A published death notice, whether print or electronic, is appreciated.

**A/DEPAUW**

Mary Dee Emison Davis; 1950, Nov. 2017  
Jean Millis Gilpin; 1950, Oct. 2017  
Dorothy Tippett Speer; 1944, Oct. 2017

**B/INDIANA**

Ruth Kaun Gates; 1943, Sept. 2017  
Gretchen Keehn Kizer; 1955, Oct. 2017  
Janet Hicks Showalter; 1946, Nov. 2017

**G/BUTLER**

Jane Richardt Christie; 1948, June 2017  
Joan Thomas Martin; 1950, Nov. 2017

**Δ/ILLINOIS**

Miriam Bauer Peirce; 1946, Nov. 2017  
Dorothy Murphy VanNest; 1941, Sept. 2017

**H/MICHIGAN**

Joan Lawson Arnos; 1945, Nov. 2017

**I/CORNELL**

Helen Jo Buckley Emerson; 1954, Sept. 2017

**K/KANSAS**

Jane Stites Leo; 1941, Nov. 2017

**Λ/VERMONT**

Nancie Anderson Weber; 1957, Feb. 2016

**Γ<sup>Δ</sup>/OHIO WESLEYAN**

Helen Rowan Mansfield; 1937, Oct. 2017  
Helen Henes Prittie; 1950, Oct. 2017  
Gwendolyn Long Roderick; 1945, Oct. 2016

**M/ALLEGHENY**

Marjorie Wible Schaller; 1938, Sept. 2017  
Yvette Kalfayan Wessel; 1942, Sept. 2017

**O/USC**

Lisa Calkins; 1965, Oct. 2017

**P/NEBRASKA**

Carol Deeter Campbell; 1970, Sept. 2017  
Barbara Dewees Day; 1937, Oct. 2017  
Gretchen Davis Eakes; 1969, Oct. 2017  
Edith Knight Wekesser Hillyer; 1938, Sept. 2017  
Sandra Lane Pearson; 1963, Sept. 2017

**T/NORTHWESTERN**

Joan Belcher Bailey; 1948, Sept. 2017  
Virginia Armstrong Carroll; 1948, Nov. 2017

**X/SYRACUSE**

Patricia Stellman Jeffery; 1945, Oct. 2017  
Barbara Wiessler Pettis; 1955, July 2017

**Ψ/WISCONSIN**

Marilyn Mouchka Cipov; 1959, July 2017

**Ω/UC BERKELEY**

Marjorie Jacobs Reid; 1944, Oct. 2017  
Jacqueline Duncan Rutledge; 1944, Oct. 2017

**ΑΓ/OHIO STATE**

Pamela Huddy Higgins; 1957, Oct. 2017  
Sally Adelberger Wiper; 1951, Nov. 2017

**AH/VANDERBILT**

Jane Anderson Dudley; 1945, Nov. 2017  
Cornelia Faust; 1955, July 2017  
MaryAnn Frederick Patrick; 1952, Oct. 2017

**ΑΘ/TEXAS**

Karen Lynn Alveshire; 1981, Sept. 2017  
Louise Wilkerson Brollier; 1978, July 2017  
Nancy Noble Broocks; 1947, Oct. 2017  
Peggy Gilliam Kennedy; 1944, Oct. 2017  
Anabel Shotts Stripling; 1951, Nov. 2017  
Helen Reser Test; 1966, Oct. 2017

**ΑΙ/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS**

Sarah Karraker Babington; 1937, Sept. 2017

**ΑΜ/MISSOURI**

Nancy Poleman Eschenroeder; 1952, May 2017

Patricia Ellis Jones; 1947, Oct. 2017

Patricia Weinl Wemhoener; 1950, Sept. 2017

**ΑΞ/OREGON**

Dorothy Withington Farmer; 1950, Sept. 2017

Phyllis Evans Wolfsehr; 1943, Sept. 2017

**ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA**

Patricia Estill Bates; 1946, Oct. 2017  
Celia Stanfield Horkey; 1951, Nov. 2017  
Dorella Logan Powell; 1966, Sept. 2017  
Marilyn Tankersley Taylor; 1945, Oct. 2017

**ΑΠ/NORTH DAKOTA**

Doris Setterstrom Anderson; 1945, Nov. 2017

**ΑΡ/SOUTH DAKOTA**

Kathleen Brick Carlson; 1947, March 2017  
Barbara Phillips Kennedy; 1946, Sept. 2017  
Cynthia Geise Larson; 1970, July 2017

**ΑΥ/WASHBURN**

Sally Eidson Walton; 1946, Oct. 2017

**ΑΦ/TULANE**

Billie Harper Jackson; 1949, Oct. 2017

**ΑΧ/PURDUE**

Jane Lewis Freehoff; 1940, Oct. 2017  
Joanne Lakin Pluckebaum; 1958, Nov. 2017

**ΑΨ/LAWRENCE**

Vivian Grady Albertson; 1946, Oct. 2017  
Kathryn Desh Brady; 1941, March 2017

**ΑΩ/PITTSBURGH**

Marguerite Rosenberger Canada; 1944, Oct. 2017

**ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE**

Donna Ricker Henney; 1946, Nov. 2017  
Sally O'Connell Plutt; 1953, Oct. 2017

**ΒΔ/ARIZONA**

Lois Kurtz Mayer; 1945, Oct. 2017

**ΒΕ/OREGON STATE**

Pamela Holdman Cavagnaro; 1975, Aug. 2017

Mary Jane Tillman Hirschberger Goeth; 1942, June 2017

Joyce Watson Signer; 1944, Sept. 2017

Jean Trojan Smith; 1945, Aug. 2017

**BΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE**

Jody Bucko Kerr; 1960, Aug. 2017  
Beth Fisher Limes; 1955, Nov. 2017  
Kathleen Johnson Soard; 1962, Nov. 2017  
Laura Noble Swift; 1949, Nov. 2017

**ΒΘ/IDAHO**

Niki Hull Wolfe Atkin; 1957, Aug. 2017  
Donna Thompson Brizee; 1953, Nov. 2017  
Maxine Reynolds Hanson; 1942, Sept. 2017

**BΚ/DRAKE**

Connie Egeland Lorentzen; 1948, July 2017

**ΒΔ/WILLIAM & MARY**

Helen Grinnan Khouri; 1952, May 2017

**ΒΜ/NEVADA**

Nancy Terrell McCray; 1954, June 2016  
Grace Payne Wingfield; 1958, Sept. 2017

**ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE**

Celia Carlin Mangels; 1941, Oct. 2017

**ΒΕ/UCLA**

Barbara Maddock Newcomb; 1957, Sept. 2017

**ΒΟ/IOWA**

Virginia Coder Pugh; 1955, Oct. 2017

**BII/MICHIGAN STATE**

Katherine Nehil Dexter; 1939, July 2017

**ΒΡ/DUKE**

Sara Rankin Hiatt; 1935, Sept. 2017

**ΒΣ/SMU**

Anne Giles Kimbrough; 1945, Oct. 2017

**ΒΥ/BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Dewey MacLean Parker; 1967, Sept. 2017

**ΒΦ/PENN STATE**

Elizabeth Roethlein Kilgour; 1968, Aug. 2017  
Anna Lee Carey Van Allen; 1941, Aug. 2017

**ΓΔ/GEORGIA**

Jane Trice Tarte; 1947, Oct. 2017

**ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT**

Lynette Bishop Bobb-Koths; 1942, Nov. 2017

**ΓΙ/KENTUCKY**

Betty Leet Bell; 1945, Oct. 2017

**ΓΝ/NORTH DAKOTA STATE**

Ann Binford Harries; 1947, Nov. 2017

**ΓΞ/SAN JOSE STATE**

Barbara Johnston Hemker; 1951, July 2017

**ΓΠ/IOWA STATE**

Barbara Carlson Butler; 1974, Sept. 2017  
Suzanne Clark Lunde; 1955, Sept. 2017  
Sharon Small McNeal; 1958, Oct. 2017

**ΓΡ/UC SANTA BARBARA**

Margaret Taylor Thackaberry; 1950, Sept. 2017

**ΓΥ/MIAMI**

Virginia Oxley Clayton; 1951, Oct. 2017

**ΓΨ/TCU**

Nancy King Kinsel; 1960, Oct. 2017

**ΔΖ/EMORY**

Ginger Still Kemp; 1964, Aug. 2017

**ΔΚ/LSU**

Margaret Supple Kish; 2008, Oct. 2017

**ΔΣ/BALL STATE**

Lisa Jenkins Wilson; 1975, Nov. 2017

**ΔΦ/CLEMSON**

Lou Ann Rogers Sink; 1977, June 2017

“Don’t belittle

what you have done.”

- Rhoda Kaufman,  
AH/Vanderbilt

**ΔΨ/UC RIVERSIDE**

Kara D. Lebovitz; 1988, Nov. 2017  
Jennifer Hofmann Pust; 1995, Oct. 2017

**ZΩ/LOYOLA MARYMOUNT**

Bianca Red Arrow; 2017, Nov. 2017

*Dates represent year of initiation and month and year of death.*

*Former Fraternity  
President Norma  
Anderson Jorgensen,  
ΓΖ/Connecticut,  
had this to say  
about sisterhood:*

*"It can't be weighed,  
measured, bought,  
sold, leased, inherited,  
or put into words. It  
has no dollar value. It  
is more a feeling than  
a state of being."*

*That was sisterhood to  
Norma. What is Theta  
sisterhood TO YOU?*



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IS IT A SHOULDER TO CRY ON WHEN CRYING  
ALONE ISN'T ENOUGH?

IS IT THE VOICE OF REASON WHEN YOU'VE  
FORGOTTEN HOW TO BE REASONABLE?

IS IT HAPPY MEMORIES OF SPECIAL TIMES?

IS IT SOMEONE WHO'S PROUD OF YOUR  
SUCCESSES AND SUPPORTIVE WHEN THINGS  
DON'T GO QUITE RIGHT?

IS IT SOMEONE WHO'S THERE WHEN YOU NEED HER  
... EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU NEED?

**TO HELP CELEBRATE OUR YEAR OF SISTERHOOD IN 2018, WE'D  
LIKE TO HEAR YOUR STORY OF THETA SISTERHOOD.**

Maybe it's a memory from college. Maybe it's an anecdote from many years after college. Maybe it's contact information for another Theta who has a wonderful sisterhood story. Maybe it's a photograph. Maybe it's a poem!

Please send your thoughts or images depicting Theta sisterhood to Theta's director of communications, Liz Appel Rinck, [lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org). You may send a photo and caption, a story idea, or a complete story (no more than 700 words, please!). We look forward to hearing from you by **March 14**.

"I AM A THETA" IS SOMETHING WE ALL SAY WITH PRIDE, WHETHER WE JUST RECEIVED A BID DAY CARD OR A 75-YEAR MEMBER PIN. THE FONDNESS WE HAVE FOR THETA COMES FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCES—THE PEOPLE WE MEET, THE TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER, AND THE STORIES WE TELL. THESE STORIES ARE WHAT



CONNECT US TO ONE ANOTHER AND STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERHOOD. WE ALL HAVE A THETA STORY TO TELL. TAKE JUST A MINUTE TO REMEMBER ONE OF YOURS, AND SHARE IT AT KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG. YOU CAN ALSO READ THETA STORIES SUBMITTED BY OTHER MEMBERS.

### **THETA STRONG. FOR LIFE.**

I knew the friendships made while I was at Arizona State would last a lifetime, but I really didn't understand the meaning of Theta love until Hurricane Harvey was heading directly toward Corpus Christi that fateful Friday afternoon.

I'm an absolute baseball fanatic. I worked spring training for four years while in Tempe—the last two in paid internships with the Dodgers. Five days after graduation, I landed a job with the Memphis Redbirds, a Triple-A franchise for the St. Louis Cardinals. That led to a full-time position with the Houston Astro's Double-A team, the Hooks, in Corpus Christi. My dream job had arrived! I'd heard about how friendly Texans were, and instantly bonded with our team, advertisers, and community.

My twin sister, Paige, flew in on Wednesday from Santa Barbara for a long-planned weekend of some sisterly bonding and fun in the sun. We were scheduled to play a doubleheader vs. the Midland Rockhounds on Thursday, the day Harvey began moving inland. Management had experience dealing with hurricanes, so the games were moved to San Antonio for Friday. We made an anxious drive up Interstate 37, hoping that the city and my apartment would be standing when I returned.

My emotions ran from fear to futility. It's difficult to prepare for weather events, and even harder to be logical and proactive when they strike. So that Friday afternoon, I prayed for the people in Corpus and the surrounding area. That's when Carrie and I connected. We were close friends at ASU and after graduation she opted for grad school at the University of Texas. She was safe in Austin and insisted we ride out the hurricane with her. It was a generous gift of kindness, wrapped in love. It came at one of those crucial moments of uncertainty and duress—when you don't know what you're going to do next, where you'll go, or how you'll get there.

We hunkered down and watched the news, hoping the damage would be minimal. We made pizza, explored Austin a bit, and kept sending good thoughts to the people of southern Texas.

You know the rest of the story.

My team finally played that doubleheader on Monday and won both games. We won the next three games as well. I returned to Corpus later in the week when management decided the town needed an emotional distraction—a boost—so we decided to play that weekend.

Houston and several South Texas communities will spend months—even years—getting back on their feet. It seems that so often these days we see violence, vitriol, and hatred in our social media. Hurricane Harvey, tragic as it is, helped us to see there are millions of kind and loving people everywhere we turn. Boat rescues, volunteers, donations, gifts: so many wonderful people doing so much for others ... often, strangers. People who don't ask for anything in return. Because that's what we do. We Texans and we Americans.

I know the time Carrie and I spent together was special. She reached out and offered home security and safety, something a lot of people in Texas have been doing without. It was a kind gesture and made me realize the value of being sisters and a special bond we share for life.

We talked and joked about old times at ASU and our dreams for the future, mostly about jobs, family, kids, adventure and travel. Maybe we all grow up a little when tragic things like hurricanes strike. I know I did. I also know more about Theta love and the unbreakable chain that binds all Thetas together. It makes you Theta strong. For life.

**Diana Sleep, ΔE/Arizona State,** graduated in 2016 with a marketing degree.

### **SHARE STORIES**

Visit the I Am a Theta area of kappaalphatheta.org to browse our stories and learn more about submitting your own. (Login required for submissions.)



Carrie Tate and Diana Sleep, both ΔE/Arizona State.

In a joint statement titled "We Believe Women Should Make Their Own Choices," Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, and Kappa Alpha Theta wrote that they will be conducting rush next semester. Denouncing Harvard's penalties on members of single-gender groups, the statement argues that the sanctions will undermine the choices available to women on campus. (THEHARVARDCRIMSON, 12.13.2017)

## MY THETA MAGAZINE WILL BE EVEN BETTER THAN BEFORE?

(SEE PAGE 7)

**Maybe we all grow up a little when tragic things like hurricanes strike. I know I did.** DIANA SLEEP, ΔE/ARIZONA STATE (SEE PAGE 35)

I placed Theta at the top of my list every day during recruitment because I really looked up to the women there.

ELLIE ABBICK T/BUTLER (SEE PAGE 15)

## I HOPE THEY WERE ALSO "OUT THERE," SERVING WITH THE THOUGHTFULNESS AND CARING THAT OUR PANSY SYMBOLIZES.

CAROLYN COMBS GALLAHER, BP/DUKE (SEE PAGE 10)

The single biggest risk for gender-based violence is simply being female.

REBECCA MACY,  
N/HANOVER (SEE PAGE 19)

**Leading Women means giving life your very best effort.**

TILLAR MURRY, AΘ/TEXAS (SEE PAGE 11)